

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 01-01-22**

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Business Meeting: January 22, 2001, 10:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dennis).

1. Commission Budget/Personnel – To consider certain internal reorganization in order to offer Dave Hoffman a personal staff position as administrator of utility division (1/22/01)
2. MPC SALE – Placeholder (1/23/01)
3. D2000.8.113 – MPC electric and gas distribution/transmission rates – Prehearing discussion, as needed, if needed, other matters as necessary (1/23/01)
4. D2001.1.1 – MPC 2000 gas tracker, sale of gas assets – Introduction to filing(s), other matters as necessary, placeholder for possible interim order (1/23/01)
5. D2000.11.193 – Richard Helfrich v. MPC – Continuation of discussion, direction on further proceedings (1/23/01)

6. N2000.8.119 – Qwest generic protective order – Further discussion on annual report schedule 23 information (1/23/01)
7. D99.5.129, D99.7.172, D2000.6.95 – Project, Triangle, 3 Rivers, Mid-Rivers – Billings and Great Falls Additional EAS – Update, review, direction, action if needed (1/23/01)
8. D2000.8.124 – Qwest and Touch America – Arbitration – To act on TA objections to Qwest discovery and Qwest motion to compel; and, to discuss with the Commission, but not to act on, objections to PSC staff data requests (1/23/01)

Legislative Meeting Daily as needed

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. FRONT RANGE PIPELINE D2000.12.208 (Joel)

On December 11, 2000, Front Range Pipeline filed a request to delete Kevin Junction, Montana as one of the ship FROM points. This portion of the pipeline is being taken out of service. All shippers have been advised of this change. This is for action.

2. AT & T Communications, Docket N2001.1.3 (Scott)

On December 13, 2000 AT & T filed tariff Transmittal 2000-22 to introduce direct inward dialing for AT & T digital link Service. The Commission has waived the requirement at §69-3-805(1)(e), MCA, that entities providing competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) service in Montana file initial tariffs or price lists as part of registration and compliance with §69-3-805, MCA. (See Notice of Commission Action, August 17, 2000.) Despite the waiver, AT & T wants to have its CLEC tariff price list on file and approved by the Commission for action.

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Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 01-01-29

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2001.1.4 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – Gas Tracker

D2001.1.5 – Montana Power Company – Joint Application of MPC and North Western Corporation

D2001.1.6 – Red Butte Pipe Line – Tariff filing